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1. SUMMARY. AGENCE BURUNDAISE DE PRESSE DAILY BULLETIN OF MARCH 4 REPORTED THAT FROM FEBRUARY 28 TO MARCH 1 AN ALGERIAN DELEGATION LED BY DOCTOR MADJID OUSSEDIK, ADVISOR TO ALGERIA'S MINISTER FOR HEAVY INDUSTRY, DISCUSSED ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH BURUNDI. AS A RESULT ALGERIA IS LIKELY TO PROVIDE SEVERAL MORE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING. OTHER THAN THAT, THE DISCUSSIONS SEMMED TO HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON INVESTIGATING WAYS WHEREBY ALGERIA MIGHT BE OF HELP TO BURUNDI IN HEAVY AND LIGHT INDUSTRY, PUBLIC WORKS, AND HOUSING. SUMMARY.

2. BURUNDI REQUESTED UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND TECHNICAL GRANTS FOR THE TRAINING OF FOUR MINING ENGINEERS, TWO METALLURGICAL ENGINEERS, TEN MINE TECHNICIANS, AND FIVE METALLURGICAL TECHNICIANS. IT ALSO ASKED THAT GRANTS OF TWO TO THREE MONTHS DURATION BE GIVEN TO A GEOLOGIST AND A CHEMIST FOR ON-SITE TRAINING. BURUNDI FURTHER SOUGHT BASIC AND ADVANCED TRAINING IN MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGY FOR TEN PERSONS ANNUALLY, AND SOME IN HYDROELECTRIC POWER FACILITIES FOR TEN TECHNICIANS.

3. ENGINEERING TRAINING COULD BE GIVEN TO SOME BURUNDIANS WHO ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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TO BE INVOLVED IN A FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROCESSING PLANT, A FLOUR MILL, A SUGAR REFINERY, ONE FOR PALMOIL, A SHOE FACTORY, A TANNERY., A GARMENT SHOP, AND A TEXTILE MILL. ALGERIA REPORTEDLY TOOK NOTE OF BURUNDI'S CALL FOR A PROJECT ECONOMIST, A CONSULTANT FOR THE SHOE FACTORY, AND FOR ALGERIAN FINANCING OF THESE AND OTHER PROJECTS BY WAY OF A MIXED COMPANY.

4. ALGERIA IS ALSO WILLING TO TRAIN TWO TO FOUR ENGINEERS, FOUR TO FIVE TECHNICAL SUPERVISORS AND FIVE TO TEN TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE. BURUNDI ASKED THAT ALGERIA SEND, IN ADDITION, TWO ENGINEERS FOR THE PLANNING AND BUILDING OF BRIDGES, AND ONE ENGINEER FOR THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF PROJECTS BEARING ON BUJUMBURA'S STREET SYSTEM. DOCUMENTARY INFORMATION ON THE MANAGEMENT OF AND THE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED IN LOW-INCOME AND PUBLIC URBAN HOUSING, AND RELATED SCHOLARSHIPS AT ALL LEVELS ARE ALSO BEING SOUGHT.

5. BURUNDI EXAMINED AS WELL TEXTS SUBMITTED BY ALGERIA PERTAINING TO DEVELOPMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES. IT WAS DECIDED THAT ALGERIA WILL PROVIDE DOUCMENTS WHEREBY BURUNDI MIGHT DRAW UP AN INDUSTRIAL CHARTER IN WHICH WILL BE SPELLED OUT CONTRACT CLAUSES OF INTEREST TO FOREIGN INDUSTRIAL PARTNERS. THE DELEGATIONS ALSO VISITED THE POSSIBLE SITE OF A QUARRY FOR MARBLE BUT CONCLUDED THAT STUDIES ARE NEEDED TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING THE SITE.

6. BESIDES THE REPORT IN THE DAILY BULLETIN, THE PRESS RELEASE SPECIAL-TABLE RONDE OF 21 FEBRUARY 1978, INDICATED THAT AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS HAD ALREADY BEEN SIGNED BY ALGERIA AND BURUNDI. THE INTENT IS THAT ALGERIA WILL HELP IN THE MECHANIZATION OF AGRICULTURE AND WILL PROVIDE CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS; FOR ITS PART BURUNDI WILL SUPPLY COFFEE AND TEA. ANOTHER TWO ENGINEERS AND FIVE TECHNICIANS COULD BE TRAINED ACCORDING TO THE SPECIAL IN ELECTROMECHANICS, INDUSTRIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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